

Comments:

Hello everyone. I am a graduate of Gibbs HS class of 78. Prior to attending Gibbs I went to Central HS my sophomore year and graduated my middle school years. I now live in Shreveport LA and work for a newspaper. I would love to hear from any of my old friends. You may also find an online family photo album: <http://stockwellplace.gq.nu/beeler> I hope to hear from you soon. Great job on the newspaper. I love the website.

Name: Dottie Smith
Email: tndotflgateway.net
Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2001

Comments:

I lived in Powell & Halls (graduated 1984) till about 7 yrs. lost touch with almost everyone. Looking for Darrin Wayne Smith Brother has 38. I graduated from Powell 1980 also our parents passed about 7 yrs. ago. Dad (William Ray (Cotton)) worked with postal worker around Boudinville when he had to walk. I would love to talk to anyone that knew him. Mary Irene knew lot of people too and would love to talk to them. I have an aunt that used to work AS the secretary of the principal. I would love to get in touch with anyone just to catch up with what's going on. I miss it there but plan to move here and there both ways. Also looking for a fixer upper with some land at least 3 brs. w/ a bath (rent to own if possible). anywhere in the surrounding area. first love it will return.

Name: JoAnn Anderson
Email: snafu588@aol.com
Date: Thursday, June 07, 2001

Comments:

I like the Hallsnews paper very much. It keeps me up to date with everything going on in my community.

Name: Dominique McPhail
Email: DMDisc@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Comments:

Community news: DM Discoveries is looking for host families for high school students from Albania, France, Japan, Germany, Brazil and Mongolia who will arrive late summer to start school locally.

The teens speak english and have spending money and a strong desire to succeed in their studies. For information call 703-670-6664 or email DMDisc@aol.com

Name: Pam Richardson
Email: Gable463@cs.com
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2001

Comments:

I saw announcements of several high school reunions and would like to find out information about a Gibbs class of 81 event. Thanks

Name: Sandy Shrader Beggs
Email: sbeggs@crww.com
Date: Monday, July 02, 2001

Comments:

I was in the class of 76 at Halls and I am looking for information on the 25th class reunion.

Can anyone give me information?

Name: Brooke
Email: brookesmith@tds.net
Date: Monday, July 02, 2001

Comments:

I love to read the shopper when it comes in the mail. This way it is easier to get to the part I like to read. The school News.

Name: JoAnn Anderson
Email: snafu588@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Comments:

I love to read the halls news i leved here about all my married life.I used to pick one up every monday in halls

but now i can read it online. Is there any way you can deleaver the paper to Son Light Way where a lot of older people live thay really injoy reading the Halls shopper and some can;t get out to get one

Name: Johnny Butler
Email: JLB30Butler@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Comments:

I really like this news paper the people that are in it have really made some outstanding comments. I will be looking forward to reading it again.

Name: Dewayne Lawson
Email: UT_Volfan@yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2001

Comments:

Jake Mabe is Knoxville's version of NBC's Bob Costas. His lyrical words about our National Pastime makes me want to buy peanuts and cracker jacks. The story was wonderful. The imagery splendid. Keep up the good work my friend. See you in August!
By the way, when the the Tigers and not the Braves become your "favorite team?"

Name: Jo Ann Weaver
Email: hillfarm3@peoplepc.com
Date: Saturday, July 21, 2001

Comments:

Very good site, well set up, but I wish it had the classified ads.

Name: Andy Andrew
Email: DHAndrew@aol.com
Date: Saturday, July 28, 2001

Comments:

Thank you for publishing ALL of the Donnie Ellis trip report. Yes, all of those who criticize our country and way of life should have the occasion to travel abroad.

Name: Brenda Mynatt Correa
Email: bcorrea@lycos.com
Date: Saturday, August 04, 2001

Comments:

It is so great to read the Shopper online. I am a former Halls resident. My brother & I live in Hawaii & our sister always sends us old Shoppers to read. This will save a lot in postage! Thanks for allowing us the opportunity to keep up with our home so far away. Our Mom & Dad still live there.

Name: Matt Harmon
Email: mharmon@crosswinds.net
Date: Thursday, August 02, 2001

Comments:

Very nice site..just wish you would include your classified ads on your site!

Name: Greg Chaffins
Email: jgregc@bellsouth.net
Date: Tuesday, August 07, 2001

Comments:

Great website - I look forward to reading it on Sunday nights when it is published, and have done so for some time. I also read the regular paper, since there is a lot of local information in each issue.

Judging from the number of entries on the guest book, I think that a discussion board or forum would be a great addition to the site. Already there is a feeling of community here, and I feel that such a feature would add to this.

Thanks, and keep up the great work.

Name: JoAnn Anderson
Email: snafu588@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, August 07, 2001

Comments:

LOVE AND ENJOY THE ONLINE WEBSITE

Name: Tina Sharp
Email: jayandtinas@aol.com
Date: Tuesday, August 07, 2001

Comments:

THANK YOU SANDRA CLARK!!!

We would like to thank Sandra Clark for the wonderful article she wrote about our children, Chad & Chelsea. The first line said it all. What the school system has put us through shouldn't have to happen. We appreciate Sandra helping to get the word out even though we are in Strawplains and not in Halls. We just wish the East Knox County News had realized the importance of this issue.

Our meeting with the school system is Friday, August 10. (The end of the week instead of the first of the week). We'll update you of the outcome.

Thanks again,

Jay, Tina, Jason, Chelsea & Chad Sharp

Name: Kristen
Email: jazz121485@yahoo.com
Date: Wednesday, August 08, 2001

Comments:

Hey Patty! Keep up the good work!!

Name: David Hale

Email: dlhale49@earthlink.net
Date: Thursday, August 16, 2001

Comments:

Being a Halls native I like the site very much I will soon have the first novel of a trilogy coming out and I would like to know if I could send a signed copy for your review. I am also in the process of building my web site and I would like to link your site to it. It is www.eaglewriter.com , I look forward to hearing from someone in this regard. Thanks...David Hale

Name: Misty Herd
Email: mherd@esper.com
Date: 17 Sep 2001

Comments:

We need to do something to get some American Flags out on Manyardville Hwy. Clinton and Rockwood both look great all decked out in red white and blue.
We can't let them out do us!

Thanks

Name: Jennifer
Email: Jen407@netscape.com
Date: 05 Oct 2001

Comments:

I am doing a research paper on how to become a teacher and I need some information. Will some teacher that works here please answer this questions.
What requirements did you have to have?
What is the begining wage and what is the monthly wage you have? Please tell me how you deal with the kids and how you plan your days. Thanks for the help.

Name: linda kidd
Email: linda@ntown.com
Date: 13 Oct 2001

Comments:

great site. i do wish you had local movie listings available, like halls REGAL CINEMAS.

thank you

Name: kathy cooper
Email: kathy_cooper1963@yahoo.com
Date: 14 Oct 2001

Comments:

i love reading the halls shopper on-line as we do not receive it at our house and have to go out and purchase it, and our neighbor store that carries it runs out about as soon as they get them in thanks and keep up the good work

Name: Dale Peterson
Email: dalepete@tir.com
Date: 08 Nov 2001

Comments:

Sandra Clark & staff:

Congratulations on your website that allows those of us who gre
Halls to check in once in a while to see what's happening "back
Will try to monitor the site as it continues to develop.

Name: Teresa
Email: twokids2horses4dogs1cat@hotmail.com
Date: 12 Nov 2001

Comments:

Is Critter of the Week on the Web?

If not, Why Not? Just A Suggestion!

I Love the halls Shopper!

Name: Mary Nobody
Email: Nobody@aol.com
Date: 23 Dec 2001

Comments:

I can't really tell you who I am because I work for Knox County (what a mess!) but I love to read this paper. It is always right target! Sandra Clark tells it like it is!

Name: david pergram
Email: dpergram@highland.net
Date: 30 Dec 2001

Comments:

I live in Scott County and always liked to read Walker Johnsons article in the news sentinel (I am a local media junkie)I didnt know it was in the Halls Sho until one day I was looking the Rivers website. I punched in WO a search engine and got this website. Ive been reading it every since.Keep up the good work.

Name: Shay Witt
Email: Bigballa1640@aol.com
Date: 31 Dec 2001

Comments:

I liked this weeks issue. Keep up the good work!!!

Name: derrall tilson
Email: dtilson63@earthlink.net
Date: 01 Jan 2002

Comments:

i really enjoy your web site

Name: Robert Culpepper
Email: rculpepper5@home.com
Date: 23 Jan 2002

Comments:

What ever happened to Eddie Beacon Your Swingin' Deacon?

Name: Allen Elkins
Email: aelkins@widomaker.com
Date: 04 Feb 2002

Comments:

Kudos to Sandra Clark for her comments about the non-opening of at Hall's. And a great big boo for Mary Lou Horner for being tl person. A rule that states you cannot sell alcohol within 500 : citizens facility? Give me a break! What are the seniors going over and guzzle down too much alcohol? It's little things like

communities such as Hall's to perennial status as second-class :
good sit-down restaurants where one can have a drink before din
harassed. Only Campbell County is worse!

Name: Ashley Adams
Email: ashleyadams@mail.com
Date: 21 Feb 2002

Comments:

Hi my name is ashley marie adams

Name: Ed Carter
Email: ecarter2@mindspring.com
Date: 22 Feb 2002

Comments:

I have made Halls football scrapbooks for many years.
This would not have been possible
without the Halls Shopper.
Thank you.
I wish that you could put the
pictures that you have of the
Halls players on your web site.

Name: Sheila
Email: wildchild_tn@hotmail.com
Date: 22 Feb 2002

Comments:

So great to be able to catch up on my hometown news even when I
Been living overseas for the past three years and really enjoye
Shopper on-line. Now I am in Chicago for 3 years. Atleast it .

I hope that everyone in the US stays as thankful and supportive
forces as they have the past few monthes. The military always
not just when a tragedy strikes.

Hello HALLS CLASS OF 1989!!!!!!

Name: Beverly McMillan
Email: mac4@ntown.net
Date: 27 Feb 2002

Comments:

I was SO glad to read in the 2-18 issue of School Board Member, thoughts and ideas regarding the school situation in the Gibbs. I feel like our community finally has an advocate who knows and the needs of a GROWING community. Gibbs has seen TREMENDOUS growth last 5 years and the need for a middle school and a new element. CANNOT continue to be ignored and "put on the back burner" indeed. This issue deserves to be recognized and we appreciate Mr. Will. proposals and efforts to help the Gibbs Community!

Name: DIANE TINCHER
Email: BODYGLOW12@YAHOO.COM
Date: 06 Mar 2002

Comments:

I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT A BOY THAT WAS KILLED BY A DRUNK DRIVER AND WAS ABOUT A MONTH AGO THE MOTHER OF THE VICTIM NAME IS BETH PLEASE CAN HELP ME THANK U

Name: carol thompson
Email: yotaz11@aol.com
Date: 09 Mar 2002

Comments:

Would like to find out about putting a ad as in the paper looking for i HAVE SOME INFORMATION. I was adopted and I know i was born in my Mothers name. Can you help me? Thanks Carol

Name: Fay Christie
Email: fayechr@ntown.com
Date: 19 Mar 2002

Comments:

I enjoy the Hall's Shopper, especially Lynn Hutton's column. What is her background? Thanks.

Name: Jonathon Wright
Email: JWright@hmstn.com
Date: 25 Mar 2002

Comments:

Just wanted to drop a note and say that it is great to get a little taste of home over the Internet. After moving from Halls nearly 10 years I still try to keep up with what is going on and how things are. There's definitely 'No place like home.' Thanks for the effort!

into this paper. I grew up with the Shopper and I look forward years of reading the home-town news. Thanks!

Name: Ryanandjenni
Email: nothing@aol.com
Date: 09 Apr 2002

Comments:

Hi,
i just was browsing your site and wanted to say " I LOVE YOU J.
and thats all.

Name: Steve
Email: estewe@netzero.net
Date: 13 Apr 2002

Comments:

Nice website, just wanted to say, that it was a good design.

Name: Maria Mikol
Email: mmikol@ascap.com
Date: 16 Apr 2002

Comments:

Thanks to Jake Mabe for a wonderful review of Barry Manilow's c

Name: ROBYN HARGIS
Email: RHARGIS@DEROYAL.COM
Date: 17 Apr 2002

Comments:

YOUR PAPER IS GREAT!!! I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A HARD TIME FINDING ON
HAVE TO GET ON THE INTERNET. THANKS GUYS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD W

Name: James R. Hicks
Email: james@urbanpixels.com
Date: 04 May 2002

Comments:

Hi Sandra Clark and old friends of the community...
I just happened to stumble across this website... Wow, such nos

Gibbs c/o 97' here, best known as "J.R." -- I moved to New York few years back and started a production company (film, new media). Doing really well, Sep-11 hit us very hard, but we're back on our feet and preparing for a new series of promotions for the year.

Anybody remember me, drop me a line... james@urbanpixels.com, or note from the contact form on my company website -- www.urbanpixels.com

Cheers!

Name:

J. V. Waller
Email: GCJPB200@aol.com
Date: 07 May 2002

Comments:

The two (2) articles that Jake Mabe wrote concerning the Memorial for C. H. Butcher, Jr. in the May 6th issue were great. It was the newspaper articles that were not filled with half-truths and negative comments. Jake did an excellent job in presenting the facts without up a lot of trash. Thanks for the very positive articles.

Name: Laura Killion
Email: Laurakillion@usa.com
Date: 09 Jun 2002

Comments:

I am very pleased to see The Shopper on line. I live off of E. 1st the Cedar Flats subdivision. We don't get the shopper. I have to go to the stores that carry it to get one. Now, I can just log on and not more driving around hunting one. Thanks.

Name: Andy A
Email: DHAndrew@aol.com
Date: 17 Jun 2002

Comments:

Sandra, thank you for the info filled write up on HPUD, their story. It is good to see a news paper that reports the news in adequate minimum slant/spin.

Andy

Name: delores worley
Email: meme1952@msn.com

Date: 02 Jul 2002

Comments:

living so far from halls now. it's great to go online and see a

Name: Tim Witt

Email: timwitt_37918@yahoo.com

Date: 21 Jul 2002

Comments:

Sandra Clark a spectator when it comes to politics? I'll have to believe it. About as likely to happen as our state legislature income tax next session! LOL.

Name: Erma Herrmann

Email: enjh@prodigy.net

Date: 14 Aug 2002

Comments:

While in Knoxville this summer we enjoyed your paper very much. there was an article abt. my family reunion, the Nicholas Gibbs was a reporter there and he interviewed several of us. He said in the next paper. We had to leave and never got a copy. Is it left? We just got home and would appreciate one. I'll be glad postage etc. Thanks, Erma Herrmann

Name: Jon Howell

Email: leahlandry@charter.net

Date: 29 Aug 2002

Comments:

I think the Halls News website is GREAT, but some of last years need some work. (TN will avg 33pts pergame/actual 29.6pts-that's TN's record will be 9-2 and they were 10-2-THAT'S OFF ONE WHOLE 145yds rush./ actual yds.154-once again 9 yds.) Just joking Un. Those predictions are phenominal(and there are a lot more).

Name: Julie Worsham

Email: Oneanonlycutie69@aol.com

Date: 23 Sep 2002

Comments:

I think the Halls Shopper is a great way to keep in touch with. I think its great that their is an online version also. Keep up the

Always,
Julie

Name: David
Email: info@knoxvoice.com
Date: 03 Oct 2002

Comments:

Hi everybody in Halls. Does anyone know what's up with a girl I think she's about 21-years old, went to Halls and then her friend, Old friend of mine, lost touch... just curious how she's doing.

Name: Chris
Email: chrisforliberty@yahoo.com
Date: 06 Oct 2002

Comments:

I just wanted to say hello. I will be moving back to Halls in a few weeks. I lived there for about 11 years and graduated from Halls in 1991.

Name: Irvin Bowen
Email: irvbowen@attbi.com
Date: 12 Nov 2002

Comments:

I was interested in the article and photo about my friend Harry. However, I was disappointed when I could not access the photo. Is there a way to access the photo that I missed?

Name: Evelyn Sandlin
Email: evelyn.sandlin@thedailytimes.com
Date: 21 Nov 2002

Comments:

GOOD NEWSPAPER!

Name: Conley Winston Ford
Email: cfordcon@attbi.com
Date: 23 Nov 2002

Comments:

I enjoy reading the Halls Shopper on line..... Keep up the exce
Conley Ford - Halls High Class 1960
19 Sylvester Road
Scituate, MA 02066

Name: Katy
Email: cingram@astate.edu
Date: 10 Dec 2002

Comments:

The Halls Online website is very well done, but wouldn't it be
people like myself who are looking to relocate to the Halls are
find apartments and homes for rent online? Just a suggestion.

God bless.

Name: Chris Andresen
Email: stealth2010@hotmail.com
Date: 04 Jan 2003

Comments:

I visit Knoxville all the time! Love it! Best city in my opinio
visit <http://members.shaw.ca/chrisandresen>

Name: celeste guinn
Email: cguinn1@bellsouth.net
Date: 13 Jan 2003

Comments:

I have lived in the Halls Community for 3 years and I love this
small town atmosphere. I am very interested in the lawsuit wit
Park. I have two small boys who will probably be affected by t
like to know the details surrounding the incident so that we ma
not a lawsuit designed to make a profit for the parents. If we
the whole community loses.

Name: Laurann Whetham
Email: dwhetham@bellsouth.net
Date: 22 Jan 2003

Comments:

Thanks, Sandra and Mary Brooks, for

an interview and article well-done.
It's the first time I have ever been interviewed for a newspaper
where all the quotations were accurate. By the way, I look forward
to reading the Shopper News each week.

Name: gary yow
Email: gary@yowpropperties.com
Date: 29 Jan 2003

Comments:

enjoy your publication and i am a regular advertiser

Name: Terry Callahan
Email: terrance.callahan@pentagon.af.mil
Date: 29 Jan 2003

Comments:

I like to read the Halls News when I'm at home in fountain city
it is excellent and I'm able to keep up with local activities. T
is an excellent publication.

Name: Doc Johnston
Email: howdy@howdypoo.com
Date: 07 Feb 2003

Comments:

really enjoy Walker's contribution

Name: Carol
Email: clane81928@aol.com
Date: 12 Mar 2003

Comments:

Any information regarding class of 83 reunion?

Name: Carol Poore
Email: carriebeth26@hotmail.com
Date: 14 Mar 2003

Comments:

I may be in Oklahoma now but my thoughts always make their way back home! It is great to have the Shopper online so that I can keep track of news and events. Thanks to everyone and their hard work to make this happen.

Name: Stevez Designz
Email: stevezdesignz@usexpress.net
Date: 16 Apr 2003

Comments:

I think it is a great newspaper. Keep up the great work you all.
geocities.com/stevezdesignz

Name: Bo Calloway
Email: bodee243@aol.com
Date: 24 Apr 2003

Comments:

It is great to be able to read the shopper online.
I enjoy being able to check up on my sister while i'm at school. I love hearing about so many friends that i know!!

Name: Jordan Birchfield
Email: scooby1fan@yahoo.com
Date: 02 Jun 2003

Comments:

I love Jimmy Clausen!!!!!! The Clausen Family is the BEST!! i'm glad that ho the Clausens' Casey, Rick, Katie, and Jimmy will be attending. I, the same age as hoping to attend UT with Jimmy, in about four-five years. Rock on Clausens!! the future Mrs. Jimmy Clausen!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Name: dscollectn
Email: dscollectn@apl.com
Date: 09 Jun 2003

Comments:

There's a new craft mall on Asheville Hwy.
Sat, June 14 there will be entertainment,
Mac McBride, food and fun for the kids. Crafters will be demonstrating paintin

8106 Asheville Hwy, Knoxville. 932-6688.

Name: natalie pratt
Email: natalietpratt@aol.com
Date: 17 Jun 2003

Comments:

What do you provide to local schools? Can you have the shopper delievered fc
to use for projects?

Name: Dewayne Lawson
Email: dewaynelawson@excite.com
Date: 15 Jun 2003

Comments:

Welcome back Jake Mabe! Enjoy yourself! If you don't have anything to write
just "make it up."

Name: Helen Goranflo
Email: goranflo@bellsouth.net
Date: 02 Jul 2003

Comments:

Dear Sandra, First of all do you know of any reason that we did
our Shopper this week? We're at Tazewell Point condos on Tazewell
Also, my son and daughter-in-law live in Sterchi Village, and as
why they do not receive a Shopper. Now, to the real reason for
I really appreciated Jake's eloquent tribute to Paul Vaughan.
I was very proud to call Paul a friend for over twenty years. He
gifted teacher and all of us who worked with him will miss him.
Enjoy the Shopper as always.

Thanks for all you do,
Helen Goranflo

Name: Kim Carr
Email: fancy37938@tds.net
Date: 30 Jun 2003

Comments:

I think that you should make all information in the Shopper News
on line also. I would like to be able to pull up things for sale

help wanted ads, etc.

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Following the planting there will be a Fall Festival in Black Oak Plaza with live bluegrass bands and hot dogs from Kroger. The Festival and Tribute Tree are sponsored by the Halls Business and Professional Association. Info: 368-3232.

A tree will be planted in the median of Maynardville Highway in honor of the individuals listed below. These names will also be listed on a permanent plaque in the new Halls library.

Judy Lynn Abramcheck	Lynn Nichols
Tyler Beard	Ryan Nichols
Harold W. Boruff	Brooke Nichols
Trula Hill Brickey	Dawn Nichols
Aileen Brooks	Phillip Nichols
Trixie Cherniak	Claire Nichols
Herman and WillaDean Clark	Anna Nichols
Jay and Tammy Cox	Andrew Nichols
Danny and Diane Frith	Red Proehle
Ted and Carla Hatfield	The Readers of Halls Elementary
Jacqueline "Jacky" Henderlight	Susan Rudell
Johleen Hill	Curtis E. Russell
Kristen Michelle Horner	Lee R. Schlender
Dr. Fred Hurst	Joe and Maxine Smelser
Col. Carlisle Brown Irwin	Albert Smith
Artie Kaplan	Geneva Smith
Donald Kennedy	Eric Stooksbury
Bracey Large	Francis Tindell
David Marshall	Violette Treece
Bruce Martin	Earl Wood
Eunice McMahan	Roberta Wood
Kenneth B. McNabb	Y.M.C.A.
Dusty McManus	
Ray Neely	

Halls High grads intern with senator

Two Halls High graduates are summer interns for Tennessee Senator Bill Frist. Both interns, Carey Davis, a 2001 graduate of Halls, and David Ramey, a 2002 graduate of Halls, are college students interested in becoming involved in their government. Davis, a rising junior at Samford University, could not believe, "how many constituents are really interested in the government and take the time to call their senator." Ramey has had the same experience inside the office, but also had the chance to see some of the effects of government firsthand. He traveled to Huntsville, Tennessee for the Senator's office to attend the opening of a new rural housing development for low income families.

Both interns have not only had the opportunity to work in Frist's Knoxville office this summer, but to meet the senator as well. On June 30, the interns had the chance to speak with the senator in Gatlinburg as Frist's family took their annual hike in the Smokies.

Davis will be returning to Samford in the fall to continue her study in

political science, afterward she hopes to attend law school. Her parents are Lance and Susan Davis of Halls. Ramey is a rising sophomore at the University of Tennessee with a major in Business Finance and a minor in political science. His parents are Mark and Mary Beth Ramey, also of Halls.--
Lindsey Stewart

School News

Halls High School office will be open on Wednesdays during the summer from 9 a.m. until noon. Info: 922-7757.

Meetings

Halls Business and Professional Association meets each third Tuesday at noon at Mandarin House Chinese Buffet. The July 15 meeting will be at the St. Mary's Health and Fitness Center on Emory Road. Lunch will be provided. The speaker will be John Evans, director of the Office of Solid Waste for Knox County. Info: Mike Shorter, 922-2158.

Halls Lions Club meets each second and fourth Monday at 7:15 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church. Info: Jennie McDaniel, 922-7882.

Halls Republican Club meets each third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Mandarin House in Halls Center. Info: Todd Cook, 922-4441.

Church news

Emory Valley Baptist Church will begin Vacation Bible School, Treasures of the Nile, Monday, July 7, at 7 p.m. and commencement will be Sunday, July 13. All ages are welcome and there will be an adult class.

Salem Baptist Church Music day camp for children will be July 21-25. Cost is \$65. Music minister David Whipple Jr. will direct the camp. • All educators at Salem are invited to the Young at Heart meeting and meal on Tuesday, July 8, at 10 a.m. Info: 922-3490 or www.salembaptist-halls.org/

Son-light Baptist Church will hold a youth group car wash Saturday July 12, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 6494 Son-light Way off Rifle Range Road.

Texas Valley Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School July 14-18 from 7-8:30 p.m. All ages are invited. • The Heartfelt Quartet will perform Sunday, July 13, at 6 p.m. at the church.

Union Baptist Church, 8244 Old Maynardville Hwy., will hold Vacation Bible School, The Great Kingdom Caper, July 7-11 from 6:45 to 9:15 p.m. Everyone is invited. Pastor is Gary Vandergriff.

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Strong bonds help Fountain City, Halls, Powell change with times

By **ED MARCUM**, marcum@knews.com
March 30, 2003

North Knoxville and North Knox County are home to many communities striving to keep their close-knit nature while undergoing growth.

Whether it's a rapidly developing area like Powell, or a more settled community like Fountain City, residents seem to see the value of keeping community ties tight.



J. MILES CARY
NEWS SENTINEL

For residents, Fountain City Lake and Fountain City Park are more than a place to exercise, play or relax; they are a showcase to their involvement and pride in the community.

"Fountain City is a community of longtime residents, and we all seem to know each other. It is more of a family-oriented community, even though it is located within Knoxville," said Max Alvarez, longtime member of the Fountain City Lions Club.

"I guess that's what I like about Fountain City. It's a small town in a large city."

Margaret Massey-Cox, of the Powell Community Club neighborhood organization, said even though Powell is growing with the development of the Interstate 75/Emory Road interchange, there is still a strong sense of community.

"You see it in several different areas," she said. "You see it in participation in community events, involvement in the schools and the pride we take in our community."

For example, all sorts of youth sports, from softball to rugby, thrive in Powell, for both boys' and girls' teams.

"And I think one thing that is unique is that there is as much pride in the Powell High School Band as in the football team," Massey-Cox said.

The Powell Community Club has worked with Knox County to get a greenway established in Powell, with the hope that such a corridor will serve as a focal point for community activities.

Fountain City Lake and Fountain City Park already serve that purpose in Alvarez's community, he says. The Lions Club has devoted much time to maintaining and improving Fountain City Lake and Park.

"People know that if they want a place they can go on a fitness walk or a park for kids to play, that's where to go. When they see the fountain at Fountain City Lake, they know that they are in the center of Fountain City," Alvarez said.

Fountain City developed at about the same time as Knoxville. John Adair, who had a land grant from North Carolina, settled in the 1780s about six miles north of Knoxville in an area he called Grassy Valley, but later came to be known as Fountain Head, because of its natural springs. As the settlement grew and a post office was opened in 1890, the community changed its name to Fountain City. It was one of the largest unincorporated communities in the country before Knoxville annexed it in 1962.

Powell, to the northwest of Fountain City, takes its name from a railroad depot named after Columbus Powell, one of its prominent residents, when the Tennessee, Virginia and Georgia Railroad built a line through the area in 1860.

The community grew up along the railroad and was noted for such industries as cordwood shipping and a brickyard that supplied brick for about 40 years.



A neighbor to Powell to the east so Halls began as Halls Crossroads, named because the community developed at the junction of what is now Emory Road and Andersonville Pike. These were main routes when North Knox County was being settled, and Halls got its start when Pulaski Hall built a general store at the crossroads in the 1860s.

From that one store in its earliest days, Halls now has more than half the commercial development in North Knox County, an MPC study shows.

What became Knoxville started in the 1790s when Scottish-Irish settlers came to the area, which at that time was home to the Cherokee Indians. James White, from North Carolina, was the first known settler. He established a fort that became the site where William Blount, then governor of the Southwest Territory, signed a treaty with the Cherokee in 1791, opening Knox County to settlement.

Also that year, White sold land around the fort for a town that Blount named Knoxville, after Henry Knox, President George Washington's war secretary. The town was incorporated in 1815.

Knoxville was occupied first by Confederate troops, then by Union soldiers during the Civil War, and the city became known for its mixed loyalties, often with members of families fighting for different sides in the conflict.

After the war, Knoxville's railroads helped the city enter a period of growth. Industries flourished, and new neighborhoods sprouted, including Mechanicsville, Brownlow, Fort Sanders, Old North Knoxville, Fourth & Gill, Emory Place, Park City and others. Streetcars, then automobiles, fueled further expansion.

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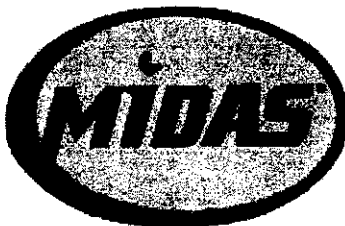
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